

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

OUR VISION

a bridge to the city
- where love and
friendship meet



OUR MISSION

to worship and
work with God
in the world.

The Bridge



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Psalm 118 : 14

The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Waiata 118 : 14

Ko Ihowa tōku kaha, tāku hīmene; ko ia anō tōku whakaoranga.

시편 118:14

여호와는 나의 능력과 찬송이시요 또 나의 구원이 되셨도다

Psalm 118:14

Die Here is my krag en my beskerming. Dit is Hy wat my gered het!

诗篇 118: 14

耶和华是我的力量，是我的诗歌；祂也成了我的拯救。

भजन संहिता 118:14

यहोवा मेरी शक्ति और मेरा विजय गीत है। यहोवा मेरी रक्षा करता है।

AUTUMN BENEDICTION

As the trees release their leaves
so we let go of those things we need carry no longer.
Go in peace—Into the green and gold, ochre and amber
and crunch of leaves under foot,
your journey bright and pure.
May you find grace in the love of friends, family and community,
surprises among the common place and songs of thanks to fill your heart
this day and always. Amen



From joyful spirit bubbling *bronwyn angela white*

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From the Stated Supply Minister



On 4 May, St Andrew's will be hosting the Kaimai Presbytery Gathering, under the theme "Multicultural Ministry." We were selected as a host congregation due to our multicultural identity. This is an honour and something we should celebrate.

For my part, I was initially attracted to St. Andrews when I saw the ministerial vacancy and read further, discovering the multicultural nature of this church. I grew up as a "third culture kid," the child of missionaries and therefore raised almost entirely outside of my "birth culture" of the Southern Appalachian region in the USA. While I absorbed a great deal of my parents' culture by virtue of family life, I also came to identify strongly with the Fijian, Fiji-Indian and later South African cultures in which I was immersed through school and community life.

Later, as a university student, I came to feel at home in Aotearoa, and I celebrate the fact that I was able to choose NZ as my home; it became for me the place where I felt I could most be myself, celebrating the best aspects of all the cultures that make up who I am, and leaving behind the oppressive aspects. I think many other immigrants and "third culture" people can relate to this feeling of gratitude in being able to choose their home.

As the May Gathering approaches, I encourage you all to think and pray about how we might celebrate and continue to build on our multicultural identity. While many congregations in Aotearoa identify as "multicultural," few reflect the level of shared decision-making and community life that we strive to maintain at St. Andrews. As always, there is room for improvement, but we have much

to be proud of. This extends beyond the engagement between Korean and English-speaking members. In our English-speaking service, we have members from Africa, East and Southern Asia, Europe and the Pacific Islands. The multicultural youth ministry has welcomed youth from China and Japan alongside Korean and Kiwi youth. We make an effort to acknowledge Maori and Pacific language weeks. We pray together for peace in the Korean Peninsula, and publicly remember the suffering of Koreans and Kiwis alike in that conflict. We greet each other in the multiple languages reflected in our membership.

All these are things to celebrate! However, there is always more to learn as we walk with God. How might we deepen our knowledge of each other's cultures? How might we improve our communication skills? How might we welcome more "third culture" people into our midst? We are located in one of the most multicultural neighbourhoods in Hamilton. Many people of different cultural backgrounds live within a stone's throw of our doors. These include migrants who have chosen NZ as their home and refugees who have been offered sanctuary and have experienced levels of anxiety and loss that are often hard for us to comprehend. How might we build on our already strong foundation of multiculturalism to welcome the "third culture" people in our midst?

Let's pray on these things!

Kelly Gilson (Rev)



Rev Ham Tae Ju and Moon Jum Soon

On 24 January, the Rev Ham Tae Ju returned to Korea for a month to support his wife, Moon Jum Soon, as she has medical treatment. Tae Ju later explained that Jum Soon will receive five more monthly anti-cancer injections. After that, she will receive an anti-cancer injection every two months for maintenance for the next two years. They asked that St Andrew's continue to pray that the cancer will be removed and will not recur through this treatment. They are so grateful for our prayerful support which is providing them with encouragement and comfort as they reaffirmed God's deep love.



In Tae Ju's absence, we thank God for the other Korean ministers and elders who are leading Korean-language worship.



Tae Ju thanked St Andrew's for celebrating the 29th anniversary of the coming together of the

Korean-speaking and English speaking people within this parish. He said that he believed without a doubt that these years have indeed been the fruit of the prayers, consideration, co-operation and deep love between Kiwi and Korean brothers and sisters.

He was also pleased that we were celebrating the restoration of the church through *a service of gratitude to God*.

Tae Ju 함태주 목사

Rev Daniel Park—Multicultural Youth Ministry

On 30 January, using a power-point to illustrate his review, the Rev Daniel Park gave Parish Council an overview of his ministry during 2023. At 11.30 am every Sunday, up to 20 young people, mostly but not exclusively Korean, gathered for worship in the Media Room. The composition of the group was fluid as family circumstances (including transport) demanded. The order of service included all the elements of Christian worship with Dayana Park providing

the musical accompaniment. Following the services, the youth joined with the Korean-speaking congregation for lunch.

Daniel and Dayana arranged a variety of activities which had, at least in part, the purpose of building relationships among the members of the group. These included gatherings at their home for pizza or a bbq and fun activities designed to improve the interaction between Korean and other youth.



At Easter, the group had a wonderful time camping in Rotorua, enjoying what the city has to offer, learning and worshipping.

Parents came together to support this ministry and those taking part through prayer.

The young people participated in a variety of other activities including packing food parcels for the Food Bank, making Korean rice cakes, going swimming during study break, the Thursday table tennis fellowship, the Santa Parade at Christmas, Bible study and joining in the Korean outdoor worship services.

Daniel's plans for 2024 include 1:1 pastoral visits with the youth, having a youth worship music team and offering the Alpha Youth programme. He specifically requested that we all pray for the spiritual maturity of the youth, better relationships between Korean and non-Korean youth, the youth worship team, an increase in volunteers for the multicultural youth ministry and for his leadership and health. We do pray God's blessing on this ministry of Daniel and Dayana.



Baptism of Aaralyn Gilson

What a joy to welcome Aaralyn into the Christian family through her baptism on 29 January 2024. Members of St Andrew's gathered by the Waikato River at Hamilton Gardens with the Gilson family for this service conducted by the Rev Kelly Gilson.



Aaralyn assisted by reading some verses from Ephesians 4 *one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...*



The following Sunday, the whole congregation sang the Aaronic blessing to complete the sacrament of admission to the Faith:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Numbers 6 : 24-26

김용주 시집 출판 기념회

비바람이 많이 불던 2월 3일, 링크에서는 김용주 집사님의 첫 시집 「코화이」의 출판을 기념하기 위한 "작은 시 잔치"를 열었습니다. 해밀턴 한인 교회의 교인 뿐 아니라 한국학교 교사, 한인 교민들이 모여 시를 얘기하고 저녁 식사를 함께 했습니다. 행사의 사회를 맡은 시인의 아들 박재응 청년이 어머니를 이야기하다가 울컥하는 모습이나 답시를 써주신 한용대 목사님, 배경음악을 아름답게 연주해주신 강은현 성도님 등 여러 분들의 노력 덕분에 시인과 관객들 모두가 마음에 따뜻함을 느낄 수 있는 시간이었습니다. 행사는 전부 한국어로 진행했지만 한국 말을 못하는 젊은이들과 세인트 앤드류스의 일레인 리들님도 참석해 주셔서 뉴질랜드의 정을 다시한번 느낄 수 있었습니다. 시집 출간을 축하해주신 모든 분들께 다시한번 감사드리며 또한 2집은 언제 나오는지 궁금해 해주셔서 시인에게 큰 응원이 되었으리라 믿습니다. 시인이 시집을 싸인해서 준 데 대해 마음을 모아 주신 응원 금액 역시 하나님의 뜻을 태국에서 펼치고 계시는 선교사님께 전달되어 더욱 의미있는 행사가 되었습니다.

Kim Yong Joo publishes poems

On 3 February, a particularly windy and rainy day, Korean congregation member Kim Yong Joo held a 'Little Party of Poetry' to launch her first book of poems, *Kowhai*. The Korean members of St Andrew's, as well as many Korean diaspora gathered to talk literature and share a hot meal. The MC was the poet's son, James Park, who was on the verge of tears as he recollected his mother's past poetry journey. Elder and former pastor Han Yong Dae responded with his own poem, and member Kang Eun Hyun showed off his musical skills to provide background music. So many helped to make this event a success and it was an unforgettable day in the poet's life. Although the event was all in the Korean

language, some Kiwis also attended, including Elaine Riddell. The love and admiration from all who attended was warm and palpable. Many, many thanks to all who came to celebrate the book's publication, and especially for the interest and encouragement for a second book by Yong Joo. Copies were signed by Yongjoo and attendees generously donated funds which were forwarded to a missionary in Thailand who is spreading God's goodwill to youth at risk. Praise God, and please enjoy a translation of the titular poem below.

Kowhai

Flower resembling Gaenari¹
 Looking up at the blue sky
 You bloomed more yellow
 than before
 I was born and grew up in
 Aching breath
 Blooming flower



¹ Gaenari(개나리; Forsythia koreana, also known as Korean goldenbell tree, is a very common flowering tree native to Korean peninsula. The yellow flowers look similar to Kowhai, although slightly smaller. Gaenari are just as symbolic and easily recognisable, making appearances in nursery rhymes since a long time ago. Along with the Pink Azalea, the yellow Gaenari represents the spring season.

Lina Park & Kim Yong Joo



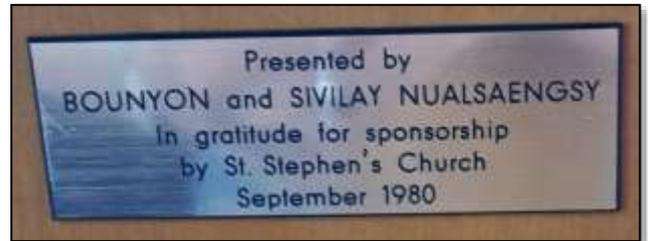
Yong Joo and her son,
James Park



Yong Joo

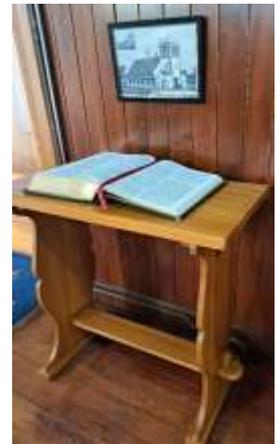
St Stephen's First Refugee Family

The small table where the Bible is placed after each service was donated, with thanks, to St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Melville by Bounyong and Sivilay Nu- alasaengsy, a Laotian family who were our first sponsored immigrant family.



The table, with the blessing of the family, was donated to St Andrew's for safe keeping when St. Stephen's Parish was dissolved.

It so happened that the very first time the Bible was placed on the table in St Andrew's was their son Stephen Nualsaengsy's birthday.



The family had lived in a house next to the church which was Church property. They were a delightful family and settled into life in New Zealand and were grateful for all the help they received as they settled in and after. They had many questions for us, often about the confusing English language. "Why are steps called steps and ladders called ladders when one steps up both of them?"

Stephen was named after St Stephens. He now lives in Australia and his mother lives in Auckland. Bounyong died in August 1993.

Margaret and Fred Jones

Word of the day:
 HURKLE-DURKLE
 A 200 year-old Scottish term
 meaning to lounge in bed long after
 it's time to get up.
 Happiness is
 HURKLE-DURKLING.

Our Organists

Phyllipa Fraser

The first church service I ever played for was at the Whakamaru Hall where I grew up as a child. This was playing the piano.

In the late 1960s I boarded at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls and played the organ there for some of the evening services held during the week.

It was in the mid 1970s when my parents and I moved to Hamilton and we attended St Andrew's. Hazel Chapman was the 'resident' organist and it was she who taught me the 'finer' details of 'how' to play a pipe organ. A very different technique from playing a piano.

It amazes me that it is now 2024. So for nearly 50 years I have been playing at St Andrew's.

We used to have both a morning and an evening service on a Sunday. It was initially some of the evening services which I played for.

I have always found playing for the Korean War veterans service to be a very 'powerful' experience.

However for me, the most notable and very moving service I was involved in was the funeral service for Lex Grocott in 2012. After the service I was told that I had 'set the stage' by playing the Fantasia in C Minor in Five Parts by J S Bach at the commencement of the service. Lastly, the Candle Light services on Christmas Eve are also very 'precious and special' services for me.



Trevor Gibbs

A most memorable organ-playing moment occurred when I moved to Auckland to attend University in 1964. Brought up in the Baptist Church in Hawera and New Plymouth, my first

Sunday in Auckland saw me attend the Ponsonby Baptist Church. Immediately the minister insisted I play for services there! The pipe organ in that Church was incredible. It had been made in the late 1700s and sent out to New Zealand by Queen Victoria to the Anglican Church in Auckland. Some years later it was found in a second-hand shop and was purchased by the Baptists for £25! I felt totally privileged to play that beautiful little instrument – until I was "sacked" from University by my Professor and told I would never be a teacher! Proved him wrong by ending up as a Headmaster in England!

As a teacher, I formed choirs in five schools I was at although on most occasions was fortunate enough to have amazing organists while I actually directed the choirs.

New Zealand organs I have been privileged to play were: St John's Presbyterian, Hawera; St Mary's Church (now Cathedral) in New Plymouth, Wanganui Collegiate Chapel, St Peter's Chapel, Cambridge, St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, all amazing instruments.

I have worked with Bill Power (formerly Organist of St Mary's Cathedral Auckland) and Stanley Jackson (formerly Director of Music and Organist at Wellington's St Paul's Cathedral). In England, I played the Ludlow Anglican Church organ in Shropshire (the largest organ of its type in the world) and had the organ services of Timothy Noon (then a sixteen-year-old boy from Hereford Cathedral and subsequently Director of Music at Auckland Cathedral and now Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral in the UK). My organist at St Edmund's School in Surrey was Gerald Taylor who had earlier been Deputy Organist at Westminster Abbey. In New Zealand since 1995, I have held organ/choir positions at St Andrew's, Cambridge, St John's, Te Awamutu and finally, the wonderful St Andrew's where I have appreciated so much the friendship and support given me.



INTRODUCTION TO INVOLVEMENT

The 2024 Season of Lent Message from the Moderator of our church, the Right Rev Rose Luxford, was entitled GIVING UP, TAKING UP. This is to inform you of some...

Opportunities to Take Up Voluntary Roles

St Andrew's functions as well as it does because of the considerable contributions and involvement of so many members. As in other churches, many folk have made these contributions for some time and have been very happy to do so. Of course, this can have the effect of preventing others from offering to step up. Please don't be bashful about volunteering: you, too, are needed!

SUNDAY ROSTERS (MANY TO CHOOSE FROM)

You may recall that in recent months invitations to join the Sunday rosters have been made. This includes **door duty, finance, audio-visual** (including **streaming**), **Bible reading, intercessory prayer** and **morning tea**. Having a person/persons to put out the tables and chairs for morning tea on Sunday would be most helpful. No need to put them away.

MUSIC

If you have the skill to play our pipe organ and have been keeping that quiet, we'd love to hear from you. If you play another instrument and would be happy to provide accompaniment for singing, please let us know.

FLOWERS AND FALLS

Following the PCANZ Lectionary requires that the lectern fall and the flowers have to be changed accordingly. We are looking for a person or persons to pick up this responsibility.

CHILDREN

Having different volunteers on hand to assist Linda with the children during Sunday services would be appreciated. Similarly, with Rev Kelly's children's programme at 5.00 pm on the first Friday of the month.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

St Andrew's always has folk on duty whenever there is a wedding or funeral in the church. Especially when the minister or celebrant is not from St Andrew's, such people are on hand to ensure that the ceremony can go ahead as planned by making sure what is needed can be accessed. One of our A-V operators is always on duty too.

FOOD

There are lots of very good cooks in St Andrew's. Perhaps you could offer to help prepare an occasional dish for the Koha Lunch on the first Wednesday of the month.

COMMITTEES

Parish Council committees, which all have monthly meetings, need to augment their membership. Those committees (and their convenors) are:

- **Christian Education** (Rev Kelly Gilson)
- **Kiwi-Korean Liaison** (Rev Ham Tae Ju)
- **Pastoral Care** (Margaret Gault)
- **Resource Management** (includes staffing, property and finance; convenor to be decided)
- **Social & Ecumenical Action** (Lance Kendrick)
- **Worship** (Graeme Kitto)

THE BRIDGE

St Andrew's produces a quarterly newsletter, The Bridge. Don't be reluctant to indicate that being responsible for this is something you would be interested in doing.

HOSPITAL CHAPEL

On occasions, St Andrew's folk assist patients in Waikato Hospital to attend chapel services on Sunday mornings.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about these opportunities, to put your name forward or share other thoughts about how you might be able to help, chat to the following:

Audio-visual	Gavin Petrie
Bible reading	Elaine Riddell
Children during church	Linda Annals (or just volunteer)
Children's Friday programme	Rev Kelly Gilson
Finance	Fraser Annals
Flowers and falls	Lalita Hari
Hospital chapel services	Margaret Gault
Koha Lunch cook	Marian Carmichael
Morning tea	Graeme Kitto
Morning tea tables & chairs	Graeme Kitto
Newsletter editor	Graeme Kitto
Parish Council Committees	Convenors as listed above
Playing the pipe organ	Jacky Overdevest (Secretary)
Playing an instrument	Rev Kelly Gilson
Prayers	Elaine Riddell
Sunday door duty	Graeme Kitto
Wedding/funeral duty	Jacky Overdevest (Secretary)



Thank You Volunteers

예수 안에서 세상에 희망과 사랑을 전하다

(By **이광희** 장로)

The Bridge에 World Food with Mission을 소개할 수 있는 기회를 주셔서 감사합니다.

오클랜드에서 World Food with Mission은 2012년 6월 김일만목사에 의하여 설립되었습니다. 이 자선선교회는 원조, 회복, 웰빙, 격려의 가치안에서 도움이 필요한 사람들을 돕고 있습니다.

올해로 12주년을 맞이한 World Food Love Mission은 바누아투, 피지, 통가, 필리핀은 물론 베트남, 캄보디아, 미얀마, 태국 등 동남아시아 국가를 포함해 국내외 지역사회를 돕고 있습니다. 지난해에 5월과 12월 두 차례에 걸쳐 가난한 사람들과 노숙자들에게 1000여개의 선물 상자를 제공했습니다. 기본 물품으로 채워진 이 선물 상자들은 해밀턴 한인 교회와 오클랜드 한인 교회의 헌신된 성도들이 정성과 사랑으로 포장하여 나누어 주었습니다.

St. Andrew 교회의 협력으로 2022년부터 The Link에서 선물 상자를 준비하고, 5월 가정의 달과 12월 크리스마스에 선물 상자를 나눌 수 있도록 배려해 주시어 감사드립니다.

우리의 비전은 도움이 필요한 사람들에게 희망과 사랑을 전하고, 가난과 고통이 없는 공동체를 만드는 것입니다. 다양한 지역사회 구성원과의 협력을 통해 가족과 소규모 지역사회에 선물 백을 전달하고 정부 지원이 소외된 분들에게 도움을 주기위해 힘쓰고 있습니다.

World Food with Love mission은 모두 함께 모여 도움이 필요한 사람들을 따뜻한 마음으로 도울 수 있는 가교 역할을 하려고 합니다. 우리는 해밀턴 지역을 넘어 예수님의 사랑과 희망을 나누면서 전 세계 지역사회가 사랑으로 나눔에 함께 할 수 있기를 소망합니다.

"World Food with Love Mission" [WFwLM] Spreading Hope and Love to the World in Jesus

In the heart of Auckland, the World Food with Love Mission was established by Pastor Kim Il Man in June 2012. This charitable mission has dedicated itself to assisting those in need, embodying the values of aid, restoration, wellbeing, and encouragement.

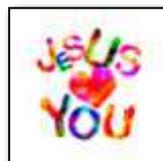
Celebrating 12 years of service this year, the WFwLM has made a significant impact on communities both locally and globally, including Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Philippines, and Southeast Asian countries such as Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand. Last year, the mission provided 1000 gift boxes to impoverished individuals and the homeless in two separate distributions in May and December. These gift boxes, filled with basic supplies, were meticulously packed and distributed by dedicated members of the Hamilton Korean Presbyterian Church and the Auckland Korean Church.

The collaboration with St. Andrew's Church has been instrumental in facilitating the preparation of these gift boxes, generously sharing The Link for both the Family Month and Christmas distributions since 2022.

Our vision is to offer hope and love to those who are in need, creating a community free from poverty and suffering. Through collaborative efforts with a diverse range of community members, the mission strives to deliver gift boxes to families and small communities, bridging gaps where government support may be limited.

WFwLM acts as a bridge for people to come together and help those in need with compassion. As we keep sharing hope and love in Jesus, reaching far beyond Hamilton's borders, we encourage communities worldwide to join in giving with love.

Lee Kwang Hee





Peter Gault Retires from Parish Council

Peter Gault was ordained and inducted as an Elder in Dannevirke in 1972. He served on the Session of St Alban's, Palmerston North before he and wife Margaret moved to Hamilton in July 1976. In this time of Rev Ian Purdie, he was promptly invited onto the Board of Managers at St Andrew's, and then inducted to St Andrew's Session on 26 February 1978. In 1986, the Board of Managers and Session merged into one Parish Council with all members being Elders. Since March 1987, Peter has been a continuous member of the Parish Council right until 28 November 2023—over 45 years – both a commitment and a stamina to be admired!

Peter's work experience as an agricultural consultant, and his family, faith and life experience (including being an active fisherman, golfer, bowler, sailor and sometime-beekeeper), have meant that he has been in a position to make a rounded contribution to the life of St Andrew's. Rooted in Christian values, he has taken care to be involved in the wider world, and outward facing.

This "facing out" is reflected in Peter's membership of the Social & Ecumenical Action (formerly Outreach) Committee of Parish Council since at least 1989. Peter has been actively involved in its endeavours with refugee settlement, establishing the Link House foodbank, making submissions to Parliament, City Council and other bodies on social, environmental and moral issues from a mainstream Christian perspective, the *St Andrew's Coffee Series* of talks, organisation of public election meetings, promotion of Presbyterian Support and Christian World Service, and spearheading St Andrew's Fairtrade initiatives.

Peter has been active in supporting social activities, whether morning tea duty, Tuesday indoor bowls or Men's Breakfast. He has been part of countless working bees and on the AV roster in

Church. And Peter was discerned and appointed by PCANZ General Assembly to be in its pool for Judicial Panels, though fortunately he was not called upon.

Mention must be made of Peter's contribution as St Andrew's Parish Clerk from April 2014 to November 2018 during a period of challenges for the parish, valiantly assisted by Rev Ken Wall who had come as Transitional Minister and stayed for five years. While Peter's leadership was invaluable, he acknowledged the commitment and loyalty of the Parish Councillors. St Andrew's says the same of Peter, with deep gratitude.

Throughout his 4 ½ years as Parish Clerk, Peter offered considerable support and pastoral care behind the scenes - to say nothing of his administrative diligence for the smooth working of the Parish Council and our Parish as a whole.

Peter ended his Personal Statement at the time of his nomination for continued membership of Parish Council (8 Oct 2021): "Your love for each other through our Lord has been an inspiration". Amen to that, and for Peter some other appropriate adjectives would be: faithful, committed, resourceful, resilient and tenacious. And fearless when required. Thank you, Peter.

Former Session Clerk, John Graham, echoes Lance Kendrick's Minute of Appreciation (part of which is printed above). John notes that Peter served St Andrew's Session/Parish Council very diligently. He was a very regular attender at our monthly meetings, he served conscientiously at Communion Services and undertook his pastoral care role with great thought and he could always be depended upon to help at any Parish function. At Session/Parish Council meetings, Peter could be relied upon to put forward sound advice and was always very supportive of decisions made by the Session/Parish Council. As Parish Clerk I was appreciative of Peter's wise counsel when issues were discussed or debated. He brought wisdom to our meetings.

A fitting bouquet, Peter.



Both before and since Parish Council accepted the recommendation to move to monthly communion services, Worship Committee has had a number of discussions over recent months about the format of communion.

Various methods have been used as the committee has considered how best to serve the elements to parishioners spread out across the church. Once or twice parishioners were asked not to sit in every second pew in the centre block so elders could move along the clear rows to serve the elements. But folk like to sit where they like to sit. Asking worshippers to pass trays of glasses is what most of us are used to, but with folk spread out and some individuals not finding this easy, we looked at alternatives.

Part of the background to our current practice of asking everyone who is able to come forward to receive the elements is our consideration of “acts of worship” and “active worship”. Apart from singing, the committee is supportive of worshippers actively participating in services, at least from time to time. This has included giving folk the opportunity to discuss and/or write down their thoughts about a verse or topic or in answer to a question. Or to come forward and write and display the names of others for whom prayer is sought.

Until the format is again reviewed in three or four months’ time, with the support of the Rev Kelly Gilson, worshippers will continue to be asked to come forward to be served in groups with a short time given for personal prayer, meditation or reflection. This act is also a demonstration of one’s personal Christian commitment within and in support of the community of believers.

Worship Committee is appreciative of the range of views of the 21 respondents to the questionnaire in December 2023. Those re-

sponses (in random order) are published here.

Holy Communion

- Has become too casual over recent years and lost its “reverence”.
- Attended only one HC service at St A’s – was a bit different from what I was used to.
- Always.
- Movement from traditional Presby format is not new to me – like the way elders are prepared and know their role and space for quiet reflection.
- We need to settle on a usual pattern to use regularly.
- Happy with previous bi-monthly communion.
- Extremely important. Perhaps announce that people have time before or after communion, while in their seats, to privately prepare or express their gratitude as appropriate.
- Good to have more time between receiving bread and wine. Quarterly preferred, bi-monthly OK; monthly makes it a bit “ordinary”.
- New trial format needs some getting used to – suggest this be reviewed again following feedback from parishioners.
- Latest was good but we need someone guiding people up. Confusion as to how to go in groups of 10 – some seniors confused about getting back to seats. Respect those who choose to take communion seated. Some feel strongly about that – don’t want to lose people through not accepting diversity in worship.
- Prefer to go to altar separately.
- A special time.
- Feeling of great reverence of Jesus’ last meal with his disciples.
- Sacrament not to be hurried or taken lightly. Point of silence necessary for reflection of the sacrifice made for us.

Worship Committee:

*Jerome Chuang
Rev Kelly Gilson
Graeme Kitto
Ailsa Petrie
Elaine Riddell
David Roberts*



Introducing Josephine & Daniel Foo

Ucapan salam sejahtera dalam nama Yesus!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We come from Malaysia, formerly Malaya. I (Daniel) was born and grew up in a small tin mining town of Kampar in the state of Perak where British colonial influence was strong amongst the predominately Chinese population even during the 60s. I did all my schooling at the Anglo-Chinese Methodist Mission School in Kampar and came into the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ from a young age at the Wesley Methodist Church there. I was actively involved with church life through the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Boys' Brigade. God has been good to me and spared my life from harm through near misses in accidents that could have taken my life. Surely He has plans to prosper me and not to harm me—as in Jeremiah 29:11. My Christian growth and walk during my student life was much influenced and shaped by my involvement in the Charismatic movement in the 70s. I was involved with church planting and pioneering work in the state of Terengganu where I met my wife, Josephine. We were actively involved with church life through cell-groups, worship-leading and preaching.

We married in 1984 and started a family. Work for us as teachers took us to different parts of the country and in 1994 it took us to Brunei where we were active in the Calvary Church and the St Andrew's Anglican Church of Brunei. Our children Elizabeth, Matthew and Mabel grew up and went to school in Brunei. In 2004 we obtained our NZ residency and the family subsequently moved to Dunedin where Elizabeth and Matthew graduated from the University of Otago. Josephine was a tremendous mum, looking after the needs of the children during those years in Dunedin while I was still working in Brunei. We certainly glorify God for His blessings and hand upon our lives and our children's lives. Without His blessings, they wouldn't have flourished in New Zealand, the country which we call home now. Another testament to the goodness of God is that Jo and I were able to come and live in Hamilton in 2020 during the Covid-19

pandemic without any encumbrances after being able to sell my business in Brunei. Our youngest, Mabel, is now pursuing a degree in engineering at the University of Waikato and she is also enlisted in the NZDF as an army reservist. Praise be to God!

It must be God's hand that led us to the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church through the hand of fellowship extended to us by this wonderful congregation. We want to thank the members, elders and ministers of this parish from the bottom of our hearts for their love and concern for us. In His Service

Jo and Daniel Foo



St Andrew's Artisan Market

Our first market was held on the first Saturday of May 2021 with 42 stallholders. We were in a period where New Zealand was almost COVID-19 free. During the following lockdown periods we experienced a significant customer decline resulting in fewer stallholders being willing to attend. The indoor stalls were always fairly easy to fill, but the outdoor stalls became more and more difficult to fill—down to 3 in December. . The other organisational difficulty was that some (mainly indoor) stallholders would cancel at the last minute. This was very frustrating, causing last minute changes. I feel compelled to share one of the reasons someone had to cancel on the Thursday evening before the Saturday market. "A dear aunt's 90th birthday came up". I could not help wondering how long before one turns 90 people become aware of it!! All of that is very frustrating, but certainly no reason to stop having the market. The biggest reason was just not managing to get the customers needed to make the market successful.



We assessed the situation a few times, in the hope that we could turn customer numbers around. We decided a number of times to try just a little longer. In the end one must realise that by flogging a dead horse more, one is not going to get it back to life. Our last market was on 2 December 2023.

Despite this, the market had a number of positives for St Andrew's. Occasionally, we had stalls selling a variety of items and always there was the "Koha for Kai and a Kuppa" service which was really appreciated by stall holders (and others). The donations of home baking and other foods was the key to its success. Gavin Petrie's "card for cash" service also meant that those needing to pay by cash could do so. My thanks to all who helped in making these aspects of the market successful.

Butch Rothman

For the record, in 2023, St Andrew's benefitted to the tune of \$5, 142.24 with \$3,964.44 from stall holders and \$1,177.80 from Koha. None of this would have happened without Butch's initiative, hard work and worry. Thank you, Butch.

The Ministry of the Rev Oh Yo Han as Director of the Korean Sunday School is funded through donations of St Andrew's parishioners, Korean-speaking and English-speaking. And the Rev Daniel Park's Multi-cultural Youth Ministry is funded through the Kaimai Presbytery's Mission Initiatives Fund and by St Andrew's parishioners.

Donations can be deposited in the account of **St Andrew's Church 02-0316-0046144-00** with **your name** as Reference (for a receipt) and **either OYH** (Oh Yo Han) **or MYM** (Multicultural Youth Ministry) as Particular.

CHILDREN





The Proud Pray-ers

meet on the
first Friday of each month
from 5.00pm-7.00pm
in the Purdie Hall




Dinner is provided
Join us for an evening
of food, games and crafts
centred around
a Bible story




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Who can remember the Fellowship Hall and the garage beside it? Thanks, Lawrie Hampton.



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Celebrating Church Restoration

Sunday 11 February was Transfiguration Sunday. It just so happened that St Andrew's celebrated the completion of the restoration of the church building on that Sunday. It seemed appropriate.

Wynne Dymock, as Convenor of the Resource Management Committee since 2012, was the key player in this work. He was previously involved in two major property developments. First, the total redevelopment of the old Church Centre and grounds, including a covered way built to link the community centre to the church. With the project led by the Centre Redevelopment Committee since September 2017, The Link opened in December 2010. Secondly, the long-intended café was built, opening in January 2027. And now, the church restoration.

In granting St Andrew's request that the earthquake strengthening and restoration of the church be done in 2 stages, the building's owners, the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, required that all the work be carried out within seven years. And it was—easily. Stage 1, with the church brought to 50% of the New Building Standard [NBS], was sufficient for the congregation to worship there again from 26 July 2020 after three years of worshipping in The Link. Stage 2 of the restoration has now brought the building to the required 67% of the NBS. While little of the Stage 1 work is visible, the enlarged external wall pillars (Stage 2) are the visible part of the church's "transfiguration".

Stage 1 of the project was designed to protect people, avoiding the risk to human life in a moderate earthquake. Stage 2 means the building should be repairable and reusable after a moderate earthquake.

In addition to the earthquake strengthening, the restoration has involved installing new switchboards, upgrading the fire alarm system and internal lighting, reconditioning the organ, upgrading the data projector, installing a heating and air conditioning system, upgrading the kitchen at the back of the church and erecting a security fence around the exterior HVAC system compressor.

All of this often meant that Wynne, with the support of the others in the project team—Lance Kendrick, Fraser Annals, Jerome Chuang, Ian Jamieson and others - was juggling many balls at once. There were engineers, the project director, quantity surveyors, planners, heritage consultants, the City Council, builders, architects, electricians, painters and the South Island Organ Company to co-ordinate.

Wynne, who was unwell and could not be present on 11 February, wanted all the companies involved to be acknowledged and thanked for their work. He was particularly complimentary about Steve Ross of SJR Builders who "*...did a great job and was very generous with his pricing—50% of what the quantity surveyor had first recommended!*" He was pleased to have taken Matt Stark's advice about SJR as they had worked together successfully on other heritage projects.

St Andrew's is grateful to external donors, the wider Hamilton community and the Council's Heritage Fund which made two grants for all that was contributed to the fundraising.

Particular thanks also to all St Andrew's parishioners, Kiwi and Korean, for the moral and considerable cash support they gave to ensure the



necessary work would be completed as planned. How often did we empty the mugs Wynne and Sue had us purchase and fill for this purpose!

And, for the record, while all this was going on, three times Wynne accepted the invitation to find manses for ministers, using his detailed knowledge of the real estate in Hamilton.

St Andrew's salutes you, Wynne.

The pictorial record of the project and some historical material is available at

<https://www.standrewshamilton.org.nz/about-us/our-history/>

This URL has a link to the actual booklet at the word [here](#) at the bottom.

AUTUMN CALENDAR -

Every Sunday, worship services (unless indicated differently) are at
9.30 am English language-with children's programme;
11.30 am Korean language—with children's programme; and
11.30 am Multicultural Youth (in Media Room in The Link)

Every Monday during term time—**Mini Movers** from 9.30-11.00 am—pre-schoolers, parents and grandparents meet for music, play and socialising.

Every Tuesday—**indoor bowls** at 10.00 am

First Tuesday of month—**Koha lunch** at 12.00 noon

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month—**Craft Group** at 9.30 am

Third Tuesday of month—**Women's Group**—time varies

First Wednesday of month—**Men's Breakfast** at 7.00 am

Every Wednesday—**Prayer group** at 12.15 pm

First Friday of month—**Proud Prayers Children's Programme** at 5.00 pm

March

- 1 9.30 am **World Day of Prayer** at Chartwell Church
- 3 Usual service times—**9.30 am Communion**
- 10 Usual service times **12.00** Knox Summer Picnic @ Narrows Park
- 17 Usual service times
- 24 **Palm Sunday**—Combined service **10.30 am**
- 28 Maundy Thursday service 7.00 pm
- 29 Good Friday service 9.30 am
- 31 **7.30 am Communion**—University lake
Usual service times

April

- 7 Usual service times—**9.30 am Communion**—
Daylight saving ends
- 14 Usual service times
- 21 Usual service times
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 28 Usual service times
- 29 Anniversary Day

May

- 4 Kaimai Presbytery **GATHERING** at St Andrew's
- 5 Usual service times—**9.30 am Communion**
- 12 Usual service times
- 19 **Pentecost**—Usual service times
- 26 Usual service times

June

- 2 **Usual service times**—9.30 am **Communion**
- 3 King's Birthday

28 Feb, 6, 13, 20 March
Lent services at 7.00 pm
25-27 March 7.00 pm
Church open for personal
meditation



Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

For **additional information** about any event, please

- ⇒ See notices in the weekly service bulletins
- ⇒ Call the office on 854 9737
- ⇒ Visit www.standrewshamilton.org.nz
- ⇒ <http://tiny.cc/FBStAndrewsHnNZ>



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